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ROTATION OF THE POLARISATION STATE OF REFLECTED LIGHT

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RESPONSE

In response to USPTO Office Action dated January 13, 2003, please reconsider this application in light of the following amendments and remarks. No new matter has been entered with these amendments.

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows. A marked-up copy of the claims indicating the amendments effected is attached hereto.

1. (Once amended) An optical device for producing a polarisation rotation of an optical signal, the device comprising:

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a birefringent element consisting of a single birefringent material for, in use, splitting the optical signal into two orthogonal polarisation component signals;

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